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SUBJECT: GOP INITIATES ANTI-SEPERATIST MEASURES

1. BEGINNING NIGHT MAY 1-MORNING MAY 19, ARMED TROOPS HAVE PATROLLED PONTA DELGADA ON FOOT AND IN VEHICLES. ROAD BLOCKS HAVE ALSO BEEN SET UP AND CARS STOPPED AND SEARCHED. MEASURES APPARENTLY BEING TAKEN INTERDICT FURTHER SEPERATIST TERRORIST ACTIVITY.

IN POSSIBLY RELATED MOVE, SHIPS ARRIVING FROM LISBON IN LAST TWO DAYS HAVE OFF-LOADED CONSIDERABLE MILITARY HARDWARE, INCLUDING 112 HEAVY TRUCKS AND SEVERAL JEEPS. SPECULATION IS THAT THESE DESTINED FOR USE EITHER COPCON OR REGULAR CONTINENTAL TROOPS WHO WILL ARRIVE LATER.

THREE HEIGHTENED SECURITY MEASURES IN PONTA DELGADA FIRST OFFICIAL RECOGNITION BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES THAT SEPERATISTS CONSTITUTE THREAT. EFFICACY MEASURES REMAINS BE SEEN, AS SEPERATISTS MOST DRAMATIC ACTS TO DATE HAVE OCCURRED ON WEEKENDS, WHEN TASK OF MONITORING NOCTURAL ACTIVITY MORE DIFFICULT. IF PATTERN HOLDS TRUE, COMING WEEKEND MAY SEE FIRST OUTRIGHT CLASH BETWEEN SECURITY FORCES AND SEPERATIST.

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